

FEEDLE VETERAN IS UNDER ARREST

Aged Man Protests Innocence of Grave Charge and Pitiful Story Touches Many.

Seventy-three years old, thin and frail, the old man, W. T. Aaron, was arrested last night by Captain Tomlinson and Sergeant Bailey on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon a girl between the ages of thirteen and fourteen years, who lives in the neighborhood of the Soldiers' Home.

Aaron, a man over six feet tall, of spare build and very evidently feeble, was seen in the second Police Station last night. He protested his innocence, saying that as he was returning from the money table for a neighbor to earn a few cents, the girl accosted him in the road and asked him for a dollar.

"Money is mighty scarce with me, miss," he replied, and continued, he says, on his way. The girl, who is said to be of weak mind, asked him for the money, and he, in turn, promising to return it as soon as her mother came home, but he had none to give.

The aged soldier complained bitterly of the hardships of his narrow cell. "I've made many a bed," said he, "but I never had to sleep on one as hard as this." There was no other place in which he could be put, and a kind-hearted officer furnished him with a pile of newspapers with which to make a pillow and a shift for his body. He seemed grateful, and drank a cup of cold water with relish.

He was a private in the local defense troops in the city many years ago, commanded by Captain V. V. Vaughan, he said. The regiment was in command of Colonel Scruggs.

The wife died many years ago, but he has two sons and two daughters living. He came from Danville, and has been an inmate of the home for about a year.

"I am an uneducated man," he said simply, "and I haven't any one to advise me in this trial. I am a poor fellow, and I am sure that one would be secured for him at the trial."

URGED TO FORM PRECINCT CLUBS

(Continued From First Page.)

"We strongly commend the platform adopted at Denver, and believe that it will set forth the principles of progressive democracy."

"In the face of the great extravagance of the present Republican administration and the plain disregard of the best interests of the people, we see on every side evidence of Democratic harmony, and we call upon the voters of the State of New York, regardless of party, to rally to the support of Bryan and Kern, and take part in carrying the ticket to victory this fall."

Will Carry New York. State Chairman W. J. Conners, when asked about the situation throughout the State, replied:

"William J. Bryan will carry New York State by from 75,000 to 100,000. Bryan is the strongest Democrat in New York to-day. We will carry Erie, Niagara and fifteen or sixteen other counties. Kings county will roll up a big majority, and other boroughs of Greater New York may be depended upon to add a sufficient Democratic plurality to wipe out the Republican plurality up to the State. In my opinion, whoever is elected by the people, the Democrats will not carry the State above the Bronx by more than 50,000 or 75,000."

Discussing the gubernatorial situation, Mr. Conners said he had heard the name of Judge Alton J. Parker mentioned as a candidate. "There is plenty of good material to pick from," said Mr. Conners. "Martin W. Littleton would make a strong candidate. State Comptroller Glynn has made a good record, and would make a strong candidate for Governor. Lieutenant-Governor Chanler is also strong up State."

MR. VANDERFORD APPOINTED TO COLLECT IN CAROLINA. SALISBURY, N. C., August 14.—Announcement was made here to-day of the appointment of E. Norman E. Mark, chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, of T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, as special financial agent of that body. Mr. Vanderford's territory will embrace all of North Carolina, and the Democrats of the State are expected to be Chairman Mark to co-operate with him in raising a big campaign fund.

FLEET SAILS FOR SYDNEY

AUCKLAND, August 15.—The American Atlantic fleet departed for Sydney at 5:15 o'clock this morning. The weather was fine, and large crowds were ashore and aloft to bid farewell to the Americans. Excursion craft loaded to the rails dotted the harbor. As the fleet was hoisted, and the flagship pointed the way, the mouth of the harbor, pandemonium reigned. The shore batteries belched forth parting salutes, which were answered by the American ships, and the whistles and horns of the excursion flotilla resounded across the harbor and were re-echoed back by the distant American ships.

TWO ARE KILLED

LOUISVILLE, O., August 14.—Mr. B. Stein, twenty-three years old, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Miss Hester Porter, fifty years old, of Louisville, his mother-in-law, were killed as a result of a mysterious tragedy at Miss Porter's home this afternoon. It is believed that Stein shot Miss Porter and then turned the revolver on himself, although no motive can be discovered.

HITCH IN THAW CASE

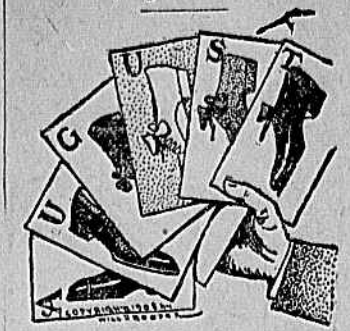
PITTSBURGH, PA., August 14.—Because no one entered an appearance for Harry E. Thaw when his petition in bankruptcy was called before Recorder William R. Blair to-day, the fixing of a date for the session of creditors was postponed indefinitely, and it is said will not now be considered until his attorney comes one else interested makes application to have the time fixed.

UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE

BOSTON, MASS., August 14.—Following closely his recovery from a protracted illness, which nearly proved fatal, Governor Curtis Guild Jr., was operated upon to-day for appendicitis at the Charles Gate Hospital, a private institution in the Back Bay District. The operation was pronounced successful by the surgeons, and the Governor's condition is said to be most satisfactory.

Every bottle warranted, but no returned, is the report regarding Dr. H. Arnold's Balm (the best remedy) from a large number of druggists in the South. This balm is warranted to you by JOHN P. BAUER.

"Benny for Clothes"



In this shoe game we hold all the good cards. Our hands are full of trumps. If you want your feet to be on credit to your head our shoes will do the trick. Hanan's \$8.00 Oxfords at \$4.25. Berry's \$5.00 Oxfords at \$3.65. Berry's \$4.00 Oxfords at \$3.00. Berry's \$3.50 Oxfords at \$2.75. Embracing dressy patent leather—comfortable, vici kid—stylish tans, and practical black calf. All sizes and all Oxfords in the sale.

O. H. Berry
MEN'S FINEST OUTFITTERS

POLICE STATION LOOKS LIKE BARN

Twenty-five Bales of Stolen Hay Stored Away There—Negroes Arrested.

In what is believed to have been a barefaced robbery, Josh Neal, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officers Bryant and Thurman on a charge of stealing twenty-five bales of hay from the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Edward Wyatt, also colored, who runs a store on Baker Street, was arrested later on a charge of buying the hay, knowing it to be stolen property.

Neal was seen carting the hay away, and Officer Bryant, thinking it rather peculiar, took the negro in on a general charge of being a suspicious character. His suspicions were later confirmed sufficiently for a specific charge. Wyatt claims that he thought the dealings between himself and Neal were honest enough. Neal's method was one of extreme boldness—such boldness as has characterized various depredations on the railroads in this city—and it is probable that other loads of hay have gone the same way.

The Second Police Station last night looked like a barn, for the twenty-five bales of hay were packed in everywhere there was room. The two negroes snored on in peace, waiting for Justice John to settle the question as to ownership of the farm product.

Work Among Prisoners. Mr. C. H. Gootie, of Preston, Md., who has been engaged in mission work in this city for several years, and who has been elected president of the National Prisoners' Missionary Association, is objecting to a plan for Sunday schools in the city, and is preaching the gospel in jails, workhouses, convict camps and long-term prisons throughout the United States, and also distributing Bibles and gospel reading matter among prisoners in their cells. The work is undenominational. The office of Mr. Gootie, the president of the association, is in the Midnight Rescue Mission, No. 1431 East Franklin Street.

Shrivers Going Away. Acca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will leave here on Thursday night for Saltville, where on Friday night degrees will be conferred upon a large class. The patrol will make the trip and will occupy sleepers both ways.

OBITUARY

MR. A. L. VONDERLEHR. Mrs. Margaret Estelle Vonderlehr, wife of Mr. A. L. Vonderlehr, a machinist employed by the News Leader, died at her home, No. 126 West Clay Street, yesterday morning after a severe illness.

Mr. A. Vonderlehr is survived by her husband, one sister, Miss Nellie

DEATHS

BROWN.—Departed this life, Friday, August 14th, MARTHA BROWN, daughter of Mrs. Annette Brown, 108 East Federal Street. Funeral arrangements announced later.

GIBSON.—Died, August 14th, at 8:15 o'clock, Mrs. J. W. and E. J. Gibson, GLADYS IRENE, only daughter of Edward and Mabel Gibson, aged six months.

Funeral will take place at residence, 1101 Twenty-first Street, Fairmount, at 3 o'clock SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Interment in the cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

MORRELL.—The funeral of MOSES MORRELL, who died Wednesday, August 12th, will take place SUNDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock at Third Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the Noble Grand of Aurora Lodge, No. 116, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, of Richmond, Va.: We, your committee, do hereby submit to you the following: That you be pleased to take from this life the wife of Brother Dickinson, and as a lodge of brothers, we wish to assure Brother Dickinson that we realize his sorrow that we wish to share his burdens with him. We realize that mere words are poverty-stricken to express our sympathy in this sad hour. But, as a lodge, we do wish to assure him that he has our deepest fraternal sympathy, and we can say to him that "He that is dead lives well and will become our burden-bearer when all earthly efforts are exhausted."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, and a copy be furnished Brother Dickinson's family and to the Sunday Times-Dispatch.

JOSEPH W. WALTERS, E. S. BALCOM, Committee.

Fresh from the gardens of the finest producing country in the world (the island of Ceylon) the "Golden Leaf" sold only in sealed lead packets, thus preserving its delicious flavor and aroma.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

August 15, 1908. Sun sets, 5:37. Moon rises, 10:15. Morning, 7:02. Evening, 7:28.

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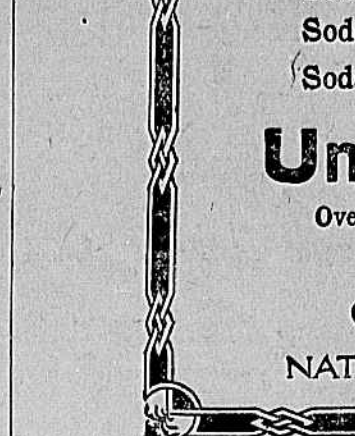
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